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1. SUMMARY. TWO OF TOP AMERICAN EMPLOYEES IN UNIDO SECRETARIAT MAY TRANSFER TO POSITIONS OUTSIDE UNIDO IN NEAR FUTURE. DEPARTURE OF SOME SENIOR NON-AMERICANS WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT PERSONNEL RESHUFFLING. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REVIEW AVAILABILITY OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED AMERICANS FOR OPENINGS THAT MAY OCCUR. END SUMMARY.

2. BERTRAM BORSUK, P-5, CHIEF, UNIDO GENERAL SERVICES SECTION, HAS INFORMED PERMREP THAT CLAYTON TIMBRELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR GENERAL SERVICES, UN NEW YORK, IS NOMINATING HIM FOR P-5 POSITION IN NEW YORK CONCERNED WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PROCUREMENT. BORSUK IS CONFIDENT THIS TRANSFER TO NEW YORK WILL BE APPROVED. HE HAS TOLD TIMBRELL HE IS PREPARED TO MOVE AS SOON AS UNIDO
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CAN RELINQUISH HIS SERVICES. BORSUK SAYS HE HAS BEEN ASSURED BY TIMBRELL THAT THERE WILL BE GOOD CHANCE OF HIS MOVING UP INTO D-1 POSITION IN NEW YORK AS SOON AS A VACANCY OCCURS.

3. J.L. O'DELL, P-4, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, IS ALSO ACTIVELY SEEKING A POSITION

WITH BETTER PROSPECTS ELSEWHERE IN UN SYSTEM, POSSIBLY WITH UNEP IN NAIROBI. A. SYLLA, NATIONAL OF MALI, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF CONFERENCE SERVICES, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS, (WITHIN WHICH O'DELL WORKS), IS HIMSELF LEAVING UNIDO IN APRIL TO TAKE SENIOR POST IN FAO ROME. HE THINKS VERY HIGHLY OF O'DELL AND TOLD PERMREP HE HAD OFFERED TO LOOK FOR SPOT IN FAO FOR O'DELL. O'DELL IS IMPATIENT, HOWEVER, AND WILL PROBABLY NOT DELAY IF HE FINDS SUITABLE OPENING ELSEWHERE.

4. LATEST INFO FROM SECRETARIAT SOURCES IS THAT KHANE'S PROPOSED TRANSFER OF M.A. SIDDIQUI, PRESENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY COORDINATION, TO DIRECTORSHIP OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION IS DEAD DUE TO PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF GEORGE DAVIDSON AND POSSIBLY TO SOME HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS BY UK MISSION TO UN NEW YORK ON BEHALF OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR GEOFFREY HOLMES. IT IS THOUGHT THAT HOLMES WILL CONTINUE AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF DIVISION FOR THE TIME BEING AND THAT SIDDIQUI MAY GET SYLLA'S POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF CONFERENCE SERVICES, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

5. FRG PERMREP HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT ARNO MANECK, SECRETARY OF IDB, EXPECTS TO LEAVE VIENNA IN JUNE 1978. MANECK REACHED RETIREMENT AGE IN JUNE 1977 AND WAS GIVEN ONE YEAR EXTENSION. FRG PRESSED FOR AN ADDITIONAL EXTENDED OFFICIAL USE

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SION FOR MANCKIN HIS PRESENT JOB, BUT KHANE HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED AGAINST THIS AND PLANS INSTEAD TO NAME MANECK TO REPRESENT UNIDO AT NEW JOINT INVESTMENT COOPERATIVE OFFICE IN FRG, WHICH UNIDO AND FRG HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING AND WHICH WILL PROBABLY MATERIALIZE IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. FRG HAS NO HOPE THAT ONE OF ITS NATIONALS COULD SUCCEED MANECK AS IDB SECRETARY, SINCE KHANE DOESN'T RECOGNIZE "NATIONAL INHERITANCE RIGHTS" BUT, GIVEN FRG'S "UNDER-REPRESENTATION AT SENIOR LEVELS" IN UN, WILL BE LOOKING FOR EQUIVALENT LEVEL JOB ELSEWHERE IN SECRETARIAT.

6. COMMENT: BORSUK AND O'DELL IMPRESS MISSION AS ESPECIALLY CAPABLE PERFORMERS, AN IMPRESSION THAT IS BORNE OUT BY KHANE'S OWN STATEMENT (REFTEL (B)) ABOUT THEIR VERY GOOD PROFESSIONAL RECORDS. THEIR DEPARTURE WOULD FURTHER DIMINISH THINNING RANKS OF AMERICANS IN KEY POSITIONS IN UNIDO SECRETARIAT. WE WOULD EXPECT KHANE TO TRY TO FILL OPENINGS DISCUSSED ABOVE, IF AND WHEN THEY OCCUR, FROM WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT, WITH LIKELIHOOD THAT PREFERENCE WILL GO TO LDC NATIONALS. AT PRESENT, RONALD LOGAN, P-4, IS ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL SERVICES SECTION. HOWEVER, SINCE THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF THIS SECTION HAS

RECENTLY BEEN RECLASSIFIED AT D-1 LEVEL (SEE REFTEL (B)
EXDIR KHANE'S DISINCLINATION TO PROMOTE THE INCUMBENT
BORSUK TO D-1 BEING THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF BORSUK'S DESIRE
TO LEAVE UNIDO), LOGAN'S RANK WEIGHS AGAINST HIS BEING
THE LOGICAL SUCCESSOR TO BORSUK. NO OTHER AMERICANS
PRESENTLY IN SECRETARIAT APPEAR TO BE WELL PLACED TO
COMPETE FOR THESE POSITIONS. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT BE ON
LOOKOUT FOR OTHER HIGHLY QUALIFIED AMERICANS WHO COULD BE
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